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SUBJECT: US PARTICIPATION IN NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY (NAA)

MILITARY TOUR

FOR CONSELOR SONNEFELDT; ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN; ASSISTANT
SECRETARY MCCLOSKEY; ASSISTANT SECRETARY ELLSWORTH

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE US MAY NOT BE REPRESENED IN THE PLANNED
NAA PARLIAMENTARIAN TOUR OF EUROPEAN MILITARY FACILITIES SCHEDULED
JUNE 16-24. IN OUR VIEW, ABSENCE OF US PARTICIPANTS WOULD REPRESENT
A SERIOUS LOSS FOR BOTH NAA ITSELF AND FOR THE OTHER PARITCPANTS
ON THE TOUR. FURTHERMORE, COMING AFTER A SUCCESSFUL SUMMIT, IT
WOULD SEEM SURE TO LEAD TO FURTHER EUROPEAN CONCERNS ABOUT US
CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES TOWARD EUROPEAN SECURITY OF THE SORT THAT
AROSE BECAUSE OF MINIMUM US PARTICIPATION IN THE MAY 22-23 NAA
MEETINGS (REF B).

2. WE SUGGEST BOTH STATE AND DEFENSE TAKE ANY STEPS POSSIBLE TO
ENCOURAGE THE PLANNED PARITCIPATION IN THIS TOUR BY US CONGRESSMAN,
WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WAS TO INVOLVE 3-4 CONGRESSMEN.

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